

**RESOLUTION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
August 14, 2003**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §33.1-151 of the Code of Virginia, York County gave notice on May 28, 2003 to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries of its intent to abandon a dead-end portion of State Route 626 (Shirley Road) and the Slaughter's Wharf Public Landing; and

WHEREAS, the public landing is in the midst of the Seaford Scallop industrial complex and the demand for public access in this vicinity is better served by the Back Creek Park piers and boat landing facilities (owned and maintained by York County) located further upstream on Back Creek; and

WHEREAS, because of the industrial operation on both sides of the Shirley Road dead-end, and the adjacent industrial piers and docks, the Slaughter's Wharf public landing is neither safe nor desirable for substantial public usage; and

WHEREAS, York County is satisfied that no public necessity exists for the continuance of the subject section of the secondary road as a public road, or the landing as a public landing; and

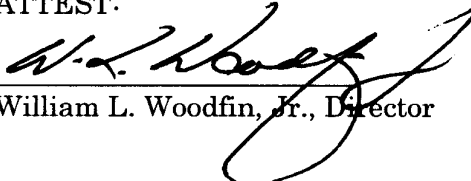
WHEREAS, in the case of the intended abandonment of any public landing, Section 33.1-151 of the Code of Virginia requires that the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries concur, by resolution, before such abandonment can be effective; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries evaluated Slaughter's Wharf Public Landing for public access according to published uniform criteria, and did not find the Landing to be appropriate for public access; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to manage Virginia's wildlife and inland fish to maintain optimum populations of all species to serve the needs of the Commonwealth, to provide opportunity for all to enjoy wildlife, inland fish, boating and related outdoor recreation, and to promote safety for persons and property in connection with boating, hunting and fishing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that pursuant to §33.1-151 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries concurs in the abandonment of the Slaughter's Wharf Public Landing located at the end of State Route 626 (Shirley Road).

ATTEST:


William L. Woodfin, Jr., Director